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Post Shorts

Picerne takes over recycling

As of today, Picerne Military Housing is responsible for the collection of residential household garbage and recycling in Aberdeen Proving Ground housing areas. Both the garbage and recycling pick up will be on Tuesdays.

For more information, contact Angela French Marcum, 410-672-4041 or Meagan Murray, 410-672-4072.

MD 24 Gate reopens

The MD Route 24 Gate is scheduled to reopen at midnight, Dec. 21.

KUSAHC closes for holidays

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close Dec. 24 for a training holiday and Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas

The clinic also will be closed on Dec. 31 for a training holiday and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. The clinic will reopen Jan. 4.

Patients should plan accordingly to pick up prescriptions prior to these dates.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, contact Staff Duty, 410-278-1725. The Staff Duty See SHORTS, page 16

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Governor O'Malley announces start of \$40 million APG interchange project

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley came to the City of Aberdeen Dec. 11 to announce the start of a \$42.6 million base realignment and closure-related improvement project at the U.S. Route 40 and MD Route 715

Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders, Harford County and the City of Aberdeen identified the interchange as a key transportation priority as the region prepares for an influx of BRACrelated jobs.

The project came about after months of planning and prioritizing by the BRAC Sub-Cabinet created by O'Malley and chaired by Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown.

"All agree that improving the interchange in Harford County is a top priority as we prepare for the thousands of BRAC jobs coming to Aberdeen [Proving Ground]," O'Malley said. "Thanks to the hard work of all the federal and local BRAC partners,



Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley announces the start of a \$40 million Aberdeen Proving Ground interchange project during a press conference near the Aberdeen Walmart on Route 40 Dec. 11. Among the listeners shown at right are Col. Augustus Owens II, deputy commander CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (Forward) and Harford County Executive David Craig.

we are now moving forward on the first project to keep traffic moving near Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Installation leaders and local politicians who greeted the governor included Gary Martin,

executive deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Col. Augustus Owens II, deputy commander, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (Forward); Col. Andrew B. Nelson, APG deputy garrison commander for transformation; and Tim McNamara, deputy to the

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APG, Picerne keeping Families first

Picerne Military Housing ready to tackle work orders

Picerne Military Housing

Effective today, the maintenance teams located in Picerne Military Housing's Neighborhood Offices will perform the maintenance on Aberdeen Proving Ground's homes. Residents should report all maintenance issues to their Neighborhood Office as soon as possible to prevent larger, more costly problems later on. Work Orders can be submitted one of four ways: via phone, fax, e-mail or brought into the office.

Residents who have existing work orders are encouraged to call the Neighborhood Office to check the status of the work order. The Neighborhood Maintenance personnel will begin working those work orders Dec. 17, along with new work orders.

"We have a plan in place to begin knocking out those existing work orders soon after we assume responsibility," said Rick Cunefare, Picerne Military Housing Community Man-

agement director. "We began on Tuesday, December 1, making contact with each resident who had submitted a maintenance request and have been working diligently to fix those work orders as soon as possible."

Work orders that were received after Nov. 30 will be addressed according to the following priority system:

Work order priorities:

and their Neighborhood Office

immediately in the event of any life-threatening emergency, such as fire, flood or medical emergency due to failure of mechanical equipment or housing components.

Emergency - Response Time 8 hours or less

Emergency work orders take priority over all other work orders and require immediate action.

Picerne maintenance personnel will respond promptly See PICERNE, page 2

exceeds \$425,000

APG CFC Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign exceeded the \$425,000 mark with more than 1,285 donors participating.

The APG CFC staff congratulates the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and the U.S. Army Civilian Human Resources Agency for nearly doubling their goals. Congratulations also to the U.S. Defense Commissary Agency and Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) for exceeding their goals.

In recognition of Sylvia Farmer of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD) becoming the 500th Online Pledge donor last week, she will receive a CFC coaster and medallion.

The APG CFC Office will be open in the Top of the Bay Down Under Dec. 17

and 18. After that it will move to the U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center in building 324. Office hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 21; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 29. To meet on Dec. 22, 23 and 28, an appointment must be made at least 24 hours in advance. If a campaign coordinator is not available, contact the APG CFC Office at apgr-usag-cfc@ conus.army.mil.

The campaign has been extended to Dec. 30 and those wishing to donate over the holidays may do so using the CFC Nexus Online Pledge system. For a contributor's guide or online pledging instructions, click the Coordinators and Keyworkers link next to the CFC logo on the APG Web site at www.apg. army.mil.

For more information or to make a contribution contact a CFC key worker, visit the APG CFC Office or call 410-278-9913/9915.

Providing notice on road closures

As weather continues to deteriorate and the holidays approach, the ongoing projects will use every available opportunity to continue construction progress. Consequently, there will be short notice road work that will involve lane closures and possibly even some road closures.

The Directorate of Public Works will make every effort to provide as much notice as possible, but in some instances, minor closures may occur unannounced.

Any major activities will be coordinated and announced in advance.

All closures will provide traffic control and detour routing where

Continued cooperation and attention to safety is appreciated.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of PublicWorks, 410-306-1159.

Ordnance opens first doors to training

KIMBERLY FRITZ

Fort Lee

Ordnance leaders, students and community members gathered with the Family of the late Maj. Gen. Jackson E. Rozier in one of the state-of-the-art training bays at the new Tactical Support Equipment Department building [at Fort Lee] Nov. 20 for the official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Brigadier Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, U.S. Army Ordnance School, chief of Ordnance, welcomed guests inside the bay where students receive hands-on technical training for the specific equipment and systems they will maintain for America's fighting force.

"We are here to cut the ribbon on a big building and dedicate it to a big man," he said. "In dedicating this building today, we honor and pay tribute to a great American, a great Soldier and a great leader. I think it is fitting that we dedicate the first of our many buildings to come to Fort Lee to Major General Rozier as he was born and raised in Richmond and was a pioneer in his own right."

Rozier spent 31 years serving his country including tours in Vietnam, Germany and Korea before retiring in 1990. He is a 1993 inductee into the Ordnance Hall of Fame.

Days of heavy rain mandated an indoor ceremony which provided participants an opportunity to see more detail of the training conducted at the facility. "We felt that you would get a better per-

spective of this facility by being inside the bays where we will actually perform our hands-on training," Collyar said. "This is the first of many ordnance training facilities we will be opening as we establish the home of ordnance at Fort Lee."

Classes began at TSED in September after more than 70 trailer loads of training and support equipment were moved from Aberdeen Proving Ground. The training site staffs over 100 permanent party personnel and is capable of training 750 students daily in round-the-clock shifts.

Students are trained in maintenance theory and application, as well as system-specific skills and knowledge that they need to

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APG celebrates The Year of the NCO

APG Garrison top NCO values foundation of military roots

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Year of the NCO series is coming to a close with a profile of APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades who assumed his position in July. Rhoades, the right hand man to APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, had to hit the ground running.

The installation is undergoing a historic transition that includes the loss of tenants like the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and the U.S. Army Environmental Command and the influx of thousands of new jobs and employees from the Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and from other areas due to base realignment and closure initiatives. Faced with ongoing renovations and building and

road construction while seeing to the needs and well-being of the APG community, Rhoades is met with a new challenge every day.

He said he stays on track by remem-

He said he stays on track by remembering the training that got him to where he is today and that he never forgets not only what it means to serve the nation today, but what it meant to previous generations of Soldiers who laid the foundation of today's Army.

"My responsibility as a command sergeant major is to ensure standards and discipline are enforced throughout the ranks; from simple standards of personal appearance to teaching young Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers about the history and tradition of our Army," Rhoades said.

"We all know that our responsibility as NCOs is the accomplishment of the mission and the welfare of our Soldiers," he said. "But through our daily responsibilities, it's also important to teach, coach and mentor at all levels. This is what defines us as leaders, and it is the true reason why we're the backbone of the strongest Army in the world."

Rhoades said that as the garrison's top NCO, his responsibilities to the commander include ensuring that APG service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and their Families see APG as their home.

"I want them to see this installation as more than just a place of work but a place of enjoyment," he said. "Overseeing services, well-being and quality of life issues is a big part of that."

He said that one of his main interests is enhancing the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

"I want to empower the program with unique activities so our young troops can understand that they are productive, essential members of the Army Family," he said.



Rhoades said that he is happy to be serving at APG.

"I think APG is an incredible and absolutely beautiful place," he said. "We have an incredibly talented, educated and committed workforce that understands and is devoted to Soldiers and their Families here as well as to our service members deployed around the world. They appreciate the value of the test and evaluation mission for the Warfighter."

He said that maintaining relationships and partnerships with surrounding communities is vital to the APG mission, especially during the installation's transformation.

"This transition presents unique challenges for all of us," he said. "Every day brings something new. Through community outreach efforts we're trying to educate the public on why APG goes 'boom,' and we're working with local schools to develop teams to provide better understanding of the needs of military children as well as informing them about the services we can provide in reference to educational partnerships and graduate opportunities here on APG. Through partnerships we can continue to send that message."

He expressed pride in the garrison's new partnership with Picerne Military Housing, which has assumed responsibility of post housing through its leased housing program. With the change, Picerne takes on the garrison's maintenance responsibilities in Family housing and soon will begin constructing new units and neighborhoods.

"Housing for our service members and their Families is going to improve greatly," Rhoades said.

Noting that 1989 was the first Year of the NCO observance, Rhoades said that while Army themes change annually, "the Year of the NCO is every day."

"It's all about the trust, respect and confidence our Soldiers have in us as

leaders," he said. "We have to remember and work to uphold that level of trust every day. They will take pride in being the backbone of the Army, and they will pass that on to the next generation."

He said that one of his pet interests is ensuring Soldiers understand and appreciate their history, and he takes a special interest in military customs and courtesies such as reveille, retreat and honoring the flag. He has spent time researching subjects such as the origin of "taps" and the history of bugle calls and plans to share the information with Soldiers as well as civilians.

"I want them to understand about honoring the flag during reveille or retreat," he said. "It's one moment out of the day to reaffirm our respect and commitment to our nation."

He added that he recently located the lyrics to "taps," which is traditionally played each evening at "lights out" and during military funerals and that he thinks every service member should learn the story behind the song.

"It's a beautiful song and I was just compelled to learn more about it," Rhoades said of "taps." "It's a song that will be played for all of us one day."

With 23 years in the Army, Rhoades

brings a wealth of experience to his position.

He began his career in the infantry as a sniper with the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, Colo. He subsequently changed to transportation and served at every level of leadership from company to division level.

He is a veteran of Army campaigns in Somalia, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and he is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, eight Meritorious Service medals, eight Army Commendation medals and 10 Army Achievement medals as well as the Parachutist, Air Assault, Expert Infantryman and Combat Action badges.

Rhoades said he was, "a young man without purpose or direction," until he, found the love of my life," his wife Lori of 23 years.

"She and my son, who came soon after, gave me reason for life and helped me establish goals, and the Army offered me the opportunity to provide for and take care of my Family and at the same time, excel," he said. "My wife has supported me throughout my career which allowed me to become the leader that I am. My Family has always been my backbone."

The history of taps

U.S. Army Military District of Columbia Fact Sheet

The melody of the present day "taps" was made during the Civil War by Union Brig. Gen. Daniel Adams Butterfield in command of a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, Va., near Richmond.

Up to that time, the U.S. Army Infantry call to end the day was the French final call "L'Extinction de feux." Butterfield decided the music was too formal to signal the end of the day.

In 1862, he recalled the "tattoo" music and hummed a version of it to an aide who wrote the melody down. Butterfield then asked brigade bugler Oliver W. Norton to play the notes and after listening, he lengthened and shortened them while keeping the original melody. He ordered Norton to play this new call instead of the old call at the end of each day. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades who asked for copies and adopted its use. It was even adopted by the Confederates.

In 1867, when Maj. Truman Seymour prepared a definitive system of call for use in the U.S. Army, he was not aware of Butterfield's composition and taps was not officially adopted until 1874.

Considered to be the most beautiful of calls, taps provides a fitting close to the Soldier's day, and when the time comes, to his or her final departure from the earth.



While there are no official words to the bugle call "taps," the commonly used lyrics are:

Fading light dims the sight, And a star gems the sky, gleaming light. From afar, drawing night – falls the

Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.

All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Then good night, peaceful night, Till the light of the dawn shineth bright; God is near, do not fear – friend, good night.

Picerne

From front page

to handle all maintenance emergencies. The following situations are examples of some, but not all, emergency conditions which may constitute an immediate threat to life, health, mission, security or property:

- No heat when outside temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Natural gas leakElectrical short or fire
- Electrical fixtures—shorting or sparking
- Broken electrical components which may cause fire or shock
 - Sewer back-up

- Inoperable commodes (when only
- one available for use)Burst or frozen pipes
- Overflowing drains
- Water outage or major leaks from pipes, drain or faucet
- Stove, oven or refrigerator inoperative
- Accidental lock-ins of small
- children
 No air conditioning when outside temperature is above 78 degrees
- Fahrenheit
 Hot water supply outage
 - Pest infestation.

The response time for each work order emergency may differ depending on the type of emergency. Residents should note that an emergency work order will be closed as soon as the emergency situation is taken care of. A new urgent or routine work order will then be created if there is follow-up work required.

Urgent – Response and Completion Time 3 working days or less

Urgent work is required to correct a condition, which could become an emergency, could seriously affect morale or has command emphasis. One example would include heating and air conditioning system malfunctions or failures when more moderate temperatures exist (see below).

The following work may be classified as urgent (but not limited to):

 No air conditioning when outside temperature is 78 degrees Fahrenheit or less

- No heat when outside temperature is
- 60 degrees Fahrenheit or greaterBroken window (cracked only)
- Garage doors jammed or inoperable
 Garbage disposal jammed or inoperable
 - Tub, sink or exterior faucet drip
- Light fixtures, switches or receptacles not working
- Inoperable commode where other operable commodes exist

Routine - Completion time 10 working days or less.

Residents are encouraged to contact their Neighborhood Management Office if there are questions concerning any maintenance issues. (Editor's note: See page 16 for contact

information to clip and save.)

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Community and Partners in Educ

Army partnership with Edgewood Elementary goes on

DEBORAH ELLIOTT USAEC

One could almost hear a pin drop in the gym it was so quiet. All eyes were fixed on the 22d Chemical Battalion color guard as it entered to post the colors, which marked the beginning of the school partnership program transfer ceremony.

"No matter how many times they see this, the kids are always riveted when the Soldiers come in with the flags," said Lisa Sundquist, principal of Edgewood Elementary School.

The Oct. 14 ceremony marked the ending of one partnership between the Army and the Edgewood Elementary School and the beginning of another. After 12 years of sharing their expertise in conservation and other environmental sciences with the students, the U.S. Army Environmental Command is standing aside as it prepares to move to Fort Sam Houston as part of base realignment and closure actions.

"Our Army friends at the AEC are just like many of Edgewood Elementary School's military Families; sometimes they are deployed to serve in other places," explained Sundquist to the students. "So the USAEC is moving to Texas. Some of their



Lieutenant Col. Chad Bauld, commander of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), foreground, shakes hands with Rylan Oswald as Ryan Buddenbohn waits his turn, and Col. Maria R. Gervais, commander, U.S. Army Environmental Command, shakes hands with Afam Elee after the transfer ceremony Oct. 14 to say "hello" and "farewell," respectively.

people have already moved there, and by this time next year the rest of them will also have moved or will soon be on their way."

"It's a very exciting time for us," said Col. Maria R. Gervais, commander of AEC. "We've got a big job to do, and after we're done moving, our whole mand, as a result of BRAC in

Army Family will be in one place. This will make it easier for us to work together."

USAEC, which is part of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, is moving to Fort Sam Houston with its sister command, the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Comorder to consolidate the entire IMCOM organization.

"It's kind of a sad time for us, too," Gervais said. "We're sorry to be leaving the place that has been our home for so long, and we'll miss the friends we made here - that's you. But we leave you in very good hands."

The 22d Chemical Battal-

ion, Technical Escort, volunteered early in the USAEC's search for an Army partner to assume the responsibility of its school partnership with Edgewood Elementary. While other units were signing on to support students at higher grade level schools, the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) was glad take on a partnership that reaches out to younger children.

"I know we have big shoes to fill," said Lt. Col. Chad Bauld, commander of the battalion. "Edgewood Elementary School and the USAEC have been partners for a long time. I also know that we're excited at the prospect of being the new Army partner with this school. We realize that while we can't be the same as the USAEC and do the things they did, we 'can' be the 22d Chemical Battalion and do the things we do in a way that will enhance the educational experience of Edgewood Elementary School students."

"Today we have gathered together to say 'goodbye' to our friends at the USAEC and 'thank you' for all the things they've done for us," Sundquist said. "We also gather together today to say 'hello' to our new Army friends at the 22d Chemical Battalion, and 'welcome to our school!""

Giving back: CBRNE Soldiers partner with local school to preserve patriotism

Storv by CHANEL S. WEAVER 20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Students at Churchville Elementary School will look beyond their textbooks and model their patriotism with the Soldiers of the 20th Support Command - Chemical, Biological, Radiological Nuclear and High-Yield Explosives (CBRNE).

They will also be able to demonstrate the skills of a responsible citizen and retell their knowledge of American and Maryland history.

Churchville students, faculty and

staff, along with representatives from the APG Command, assembled Nov. 10 to pledge their allegiance to the Patriot Program - a partnership in which 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) Soldiers commit to teaching Churchville's youth the importance of having pride in their country and allegiance to the United States.

During the kick-off ceremony, Col. Darryl Briggs, the CBRNE command's chief of Operations, talked to the students about being an American patriot.

"When you pledge your allegiance to the flag, you are saying you are committed to one team," Briggs said to the 370 students who sat cross-legged on the floor in the school's gymnasium. "We are indivisible and can't be separate."

Briggs also described the meaning of the American flag's colors.

"Red represents the hardness of our Soldiers; white, the purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance,"

Briggs said. Four students participated in a handson demonstration of how to fold the flag and learned the symbolic meaning of

each fold in the process. The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) See PATRIOTS, page 10

DPW prepares for snow removal

Story by
ED STAATS

As the weather forecast turns cold and the first snow has already flown, the Directorate of Public Works is officially marking the start of snow season.

The DPW has been preparing for snow and is encouraging everyone at Aberdeen Proving Ground to take steps to prepare as well.

"For the last two years, we've seen minimal snowfall in our community, but we feel it's important to update the APG community on the DPW's preparation for winter weather," said Robin Hoory, chief, Business Operations and Integration Division. "We want to get the word out on our approach to snow removal, to answer any questions regarding snow removal on post."

Under normal conditions, the initiation of action necessary to place the snow removal and ice alleviation plan into operation rests with the director of the DPW. The DPW's approach to snow removal and ice alleviation is designed to improve safety for motorists, ensure emergency responders can reach buildings and enhance movement for pedestrians.

"It's important to note that as of December 17, housing areas will be removed from the DPW's responsibilities," Hoory said. "However, the Phase One section of the C4ISR will be added."

Other changes in the 2010 Snow Plan included reduced number of priorities from 5 to 3 categories. New areas currently under construction will be added to the DPW's purview as these facilities are handed over to the garrison.

The Facilities Maintenance Division provides protective devices, such as snow fences. They are responsible for supplying snow melting chemicals at the restricted area entrance gates. FMD also provides the bulk supply of abrasives and snow melting chemicals to DPW for the clearing operations on roads and other designated areas. The first priority of the DPW is the main roads, Emergency Services and headquarters buildings. These are followed by 24-hour access buildings and Soldier-access facilities. Most parking lots fall under the third priority.

Before a storm, garrison safety officers and garrison activities are requested to park government vehicles in a cluster, preferably in one end of a parking lot, to allow snow vehicles to spread salt before snow falls and to make it easier to clear the lot before employees arrive.

For walkways, entrances and areas which are not a DPW priority, building custodians can pick up salt and other snow removal supplies at the Re-Nu-It Center, building 3660, in the Aberdeen Area (open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or in the Edgewood Area at building E-5185 (open Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). If time allows, before a storm, DPW will spray liquid de-icer on sidewalks and entrance areas.

All snow events will be coordinated through the Emergency Operation Control Center. The installation weather line will be updated to reflect APG's operating conditions. In the wake of a snow event, call 410-278-7669 to check the post's status. Mass notification will be made through Public Affairs and Emergency Action Officer channels.

CID provides safety tips for Army holiday shoppers

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

'Tis the season to be wary. For many unsuspecting Soldiers, Department of

the Army civilians and Family members, the holiday season can be a time of crisis. Out on the streets and trolling the Internet lurks the seasoned holiday predator, searching for their next target of opportunity.

As part of the ongoing "CID Lookout"

As part of the ongoing "CID Lookout" Crime Prevention/Awareness Program, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is advising members of the greater Army community who plan to visit shopping centers/malls or who shop online during the holiday season, to take the following precautions to help prevent them or their loved ones from becoming a victim:

Shopping safety

- Don't leave valuables visible in your vehicle; especially, newly purchased items
- Newly purchased items should be stored in the trunk and, if you are returning to the store, move your vehicle to another location. If someone is watching the area, they will think you are leaving. This may prevent your vehicle from being targeted for the items stored in the trunk
- Don't flash a lot of money as you are paying for purchases. Make sure credit cards used are returned to you and keep them in your sight at all times.
- Never carry more packages/bags than you can comfortably carry to your vehicle. Be aware of your surroundings and make eye contact with people as you pass by or approach. Have your car keys out and ready as you arrive at your vehicle.

- Be alert for pickpockets. Their favorite environments are crowded places, revolving doors, jammed aisles, elevators, public transportation stops and vehicles, especially at rush hour. Carry the day's most expensive purchases closest to your body, and don't carry so much you lose the ability to react quickly.
- During hours of darkness, park and walk in lighted areas if possible.
- If you have access to a cellular phone, carry it and always ensure it is fully charged.
- Shop in a group or at least in pairs. Always present an alert appearance.
- Visit ATM's only at well-lighted and populated locations; visit during daylight hours if possible. Using the drive-up is usually safer than walking up or into a facility.
- If possible, leave your children with a baby-sitter or family while you are shopping. For holiday shopping, consider making arrangements with family or friends/neighbors, and take turns baby-sitting. If you take your children with you, keep a very close eye on them while shopping.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they ever get separated from you in a store/mall, and be sure they know their first and last name so they can tell someone who they are.

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Prophet Enhanced set to bolster ISR coverage

Story by **BRANDON POLLACHEK**PEO IEW&S PAO

With an urgent demand from Soldiers in the field to be able to collect as much information about the enemy in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Product Manager Prophet, or PdM Prophet, has recently secured a system that will assist in meeting that need for battlespace awareness.

On Oct. 20, Brig. Gen. Tom Cole, Program Executive Office Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors, and Lt. Col. Jim Ross, PdM Prophet, witnessed the roll out of the first Prophet Enhanced vehicle from General Dynamics in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Prophet Enhanced was one of the systems obtained by the Army under a short timeline as a part of the Secretary of Defense directed Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance surge dedicated to providing a complete ISR picture to coalition forces and offering an avenue for staying ahead of enemy activities.

"The Prophet Enhanced effort was chosen to be a part of the ISR surge to in effect add a more robust signal intelligence gathering capability over the current Prophet system, as well as putting it on a different platform, which is an MRAP vehicle that could be deployed to any theater and be more survivable against IEDs," Ross said.

The first set of Prophet Enhanced vehicles will be housed on a Panther variant of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicle that are scheduled to be delivered by May 2010.

"Those vehicles will go through a limited test and be fielded as part of a future deployment to a unit starting in February. Fielded units will go through training over the spring and will probably deploy sometime in the summer to early fall of next year with the first vehicles," added Ross.

In addition to the Panther, the M1165 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle will be outfitted with the Prophet Enhanced system, which will offer ground forces options as to which vehicle to utilize depending on the environment.

The Army and industry worked on an aggressive timetable in order to ensure the first Prophet Enhanced could be delivered within 270 days.

"It was an incredible effort by the government and contractor team to meet this timeline," noted Ross. "The government had to be very clear in the requirements we needed and when they were needed by, while the contractor team had to work hard in a huge integration effort because there was some government furnished equipment that was provided to the contractor to integrate."

The newest iteration of Prophet will



Photo courtesy PM PROPHET

The first Prophet Enhanced vehicle rolled out of the General Dynamic's facility in Scottsdale, Ariz., Oct 20. The system will come in both Mine Resistant Ambush Protected and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle variants with deliveries scheduled for May 2010.

also include a software upgrade from version 1 to version 2, of the Single SIGINT software baseline, or S3B.

"Version 2, which has a lot more enhancements over Version 1, reduces some of the complexity caused by integration, because now an operator doesn't have to worry about how to set up all the individual pieces as the S3B software will help in that capability," Ross said. "By reducing the complexity for the operator they can concentrate on doing their mission rather than configuring the system."

In designing Prophet Enhanced, a kitting strategy was implemented that will allow the system to be easily interchanged between multiple platforms should the need arise. With advanced planning, an A-kit can be designed and installed on a vehicle that will serve as the housing unit for the B-kit, which is the Prophet Enhanced system itself. "This strategy allows us to take a vehicle agnostic solution; meaning, if the Army says there is a particular vehicle that needs to have Prophet integrated, we can stay ahead of the time curve by obtaining design information for the vehicle and creating an appropriate Akit and allowing the B-Kit to be added much more quickly," Ross said.

Prophet Spiral 1 is currently fielded to Soldiers in theater and supporting missions right now, and Prophet Enhanced will greatly upgrade those capabilities by building upon a proven technology, added Ross.

BRAC

From front page

Garrison commander; as well as Harford County Executive David Craig and Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett.

O'Malley added his thanks to Maryland Senators Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger.

"I want to thank [them] and the rest of the Maryland Delegation for their ongoing fight to obtain the additional federal funds needed to implement our BRAC plans," he said, adding that the interchange projects support the consolidation of 8,800 direct jobs at APG and the design and construction supports an additional 450 direct and indirect jobs.

Ortiz remarked on the importance of

the project to the continuing efforts to improve the infrastructure on and off the installation.

"This project will help ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic on and off the installation in support of more than twenty thousand daily commuters working at Aberdeen Proving Ground," Ortiz said.

The project will include the upgrade of the US 40/MD 715 interchange to a full interchange; improvements to the MD 715 and Old Philadelphia Road intersections; and widening of MD 715 from two lanes in each direction to provide improved access to the gate.

The State Highway Administration expects to break ground on the project next fall.

The first phase, the widening of MD 715 is expected to be completed in 2011 with the entire project completed by the summer of 2012.

Military partners with communities to extend services beyond garrison borders

Story by **ROB MCILVAINE**FMWRC Public Affairs

As a result of multiple deployments over nearly nine years of war in two theaters, many Families of service members are choosing to remain in their established neighborhoods or return to a relative's hometown when their Soldier deploys. In many cases, this means resources commonly found on a military installation aren't available to them for the duration of the deployment.

The Army has hired 61 community support coordinators located across the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and Japan to help connect these geographically dispersed military personnel with community service systems.

The coordinators work to engage and invite community organizations to partner with the Army, which has led to new programs and initiatives of support.

Continued partnership with community organizations will provide an extension to the services traditionally offered by garrison programs. These partnerships will result in service members and their Families being able to access services wherever they reside.

According to Karen Conrad, a Family programs specialist at the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, CSCs work to identify resources and build partnerships with community organizations. These services are then available to Family Programs staff of the Active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve to build connections for Soldiers and their Family members so they have a link to a full range of information and services even if they don't live on or near an installation. Building these collaborative partnerships ensures access to services when and where they are needed.

"The CSCs have been very instrumental in connecting geographically dispersed Soldiers and Families to services. This initiative is a new way for the Army to do business, reaching beyond the traditional brick and mortar approach. Community organizations want to step up and partner with the military, but don't always know how they can make the connection. The CSCs provide them with the information they need to build that partnership," Conrad said.

The coordinators have been trained by Army OneSource and the Citizen

Soldier Support Program at the University of North Carolina's Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at Chapel Hill.

The program is a result of an Army Family Action Plan issue and the Army Family Covenant. Army One-Source, FMWRC, Installation Management Command, National Guard and the Reserves are pulling together to develop a strategic partnership to standardize Soldier and Family support programs and service delivery regardless of component or geographical location.

AOS provides easy access to services for those living far outside garrison borders through the online portal at http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default. aspx and through finding services delivered by community partners and other government organizations.

Most programs and agencies, such as schools, nonprofit agencies, faith based, legal and financial service organizations, as well as behavioral health and government organizations – state and local government, Veteran's Affairs, for instance – are unaware of the number of Army personnel or Families who live in their community or utilize their services.

The Army Community Covenant is a way of formally introducing these service members and the organizations.

"We're in the ninth year of this war, the longest in our nation's history with an all-volunteer force," said retired Maj. Gen. Craig Whelden, national outreach coordinator for the covenant.

Wheldon is a former commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, now re-designated as Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

"The Secretary of the Army thought this would be an opportunity to engage the American public in their communities and raise the level of visibility of the dedication and sacrifices our service members," Whelden said at this year's community covenant signing with the American Legion.

Since April 2008, 85 communities have signed Community Covenants, and often the events are an opportunity to announce new regional initiatives or programs to support service members. CSCs play a key role in providing the connection between the military and the community following the Community Covenant signing ceremonies.

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Preventing substance abuse on APG



Observing National Drunk, Drugged Driving Month

APG ASAP

Understanding the impact of alcohol and other drugs on a person's ability to operate a vehicle is extremely important.

"Most people understand the basics of alcohol and driving but don't give a second thought to driving when they are under the influence of other drugs, prescriptions and over the counter medications," said Cindy Scott, an Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator. "The impact can be deadly. Throughout this holiday season the ASAP office will provide factual information, helpful tips and even some non-alcoholic recipes."

Facts about how alcohol, drugs affect driving

Alcohol (beer, wine, whiskey, gin, rum, vodka, tequila, etc.)

- Dulls judgment and concentration • Slows reflexes and reaction time
- · Leads to multiple, blurred and restricted side and night vision
- Hinders muscle control and coordination
- Exaggerates emotions
- Increases drowsiness

Alcohol plus Marijuana (Any alcoholic beverage and pot, hash or T.H.C.)

In addition to the effects of alcohol:

- Dulls concentration and reasoning abilities
 - Slows reaction time

Drunk driving is no accident, drunk driving is a crime with thousands of victims.

Nearly 17,000 Americans are killed and more than 700,000 are injured each year in alcohol-related traffic crashes.

Drunk driving costs Americans more than \$50 billion each year in economic losses.

Drunk driving is no accident. An individual has choices — a choice to drink, a choice to drink to impairment and a choice of whether or not to drive.

Drunk driving fatalities, injuries, army.mil.

crashes and arrests can be prevented if people make responsible choices.

"The Army's Substance Abuse Program encourages you to make right choices and to encourage others to make right choices," said Cindy Scott, Aberdeen Proving Ground ASAP prevention coordinator. "The result — our nation's roadways become safe and sober, lives are saved and hopes and dreams fulfilled. Make your celebration one you'll live to remember."

For more information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013 or Cynthia. Scott 1@conus.

Not a good mix Alcohol, driving – of alcohol.

APG ASAP Office

The three most critical skills necessary for a safe driver are judgment, vision and reaction. Alcohol however, is a depressant, which impairs a driver's judgment, vision and reaction.

An individual's critical driving skills can become impaired at blood alcohol levels well below the legal limit.

Alcohol may have a different effect each time a driver drinks depending on what (if anything) the individual has eaten, mood, metabolism, the level of fatigue and other factors.

A 12-oz. can of beer, a 5-oz. glass of wine and a 1 1/2-oz. shot of 80-proof liquor all have about the same amount

The body eliminates alcohol at a rate of about one drink per hour.

"Alcohol and driving can be a deadly mix —you might kill or injure someone in a crash; you might be arrested for and convicted of drunk driving, which can result in court costs, legal fees, higher automobile insurance rates, fines, loss of license and even imprisonment," said Cindy Scott, APG ASAP prevention coordinator. Your ASAP office reminds you to please make responsible choices."

For more information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013 or Cynthia. Scott1@conus. army.mil.

• Leads to multiple vision and slowed glare recovery time

• Hinders muscle control coordination, maneuvering ability and ability to recognize traffic signals

· Affects short term memory and tracking ability

 Increases distraction drowsiness

Alcohol plus antihistamines (Any alcoholic beverage and cold remedies such as Sudafed, Coricidin)

In addition to the effects of alcohol: • Dulls judgment and concentration

- Slows reaction time
- · Leads to reduced vision
- · Increases drowsiness, confusion,

• Hinders coordination

and anxiety Alcohol plus tranquilizers (Any alcoholic beverage and sleep medication such as Valium, Librium, Seconal, etc.)

In addition to the effects of alcohol:

- Dulls judgment and concentration
- Slows reflexes and reaction time
- · Leads to multiple, blurred and restricted side and night vision
- · Hinders coordination and motor
- Increases drowsiness

"Remember, if you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink," Scott said.

For more ASAP information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013 or Cynthia. Scott1@conus.army.mil.

Individuals acts can stop drunk driving

APG ASAP

- Make a decision to drive responsibly.
- Make a decision never to ride with anyone who has been drinking to the point of impairment.
- Always buckle up a safety belt is the best protection in a crash.
- Be a responsible drinker.
- Be a responsible party host
- Be a defensive, alert driver and report suspected drunk drivers to law

enforcement.

coordinator.

• Support efforts to strengthen anti-DUI laws in your state.

"The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program office reminds everyone to make responsible choices," said Cindy Scott, APG ASAP prevention

For more information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013 or Cynthia.Scott1@ comcast.net.

APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations, WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground) or call 410-278-SNOW (7669).

A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

| Station | rrequency | Location |
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| WAMD | AM 970 | Aberdeen |
| WXCY | FM 103.7 | Havre de Grace |
| WBAL | AM 1090 | Baltimore |
| WIYY | FM 97.9 | Baltimore |
| WPOC | FM 93.1 | Baltimore |
| WDEL | AM 1150 | Wilmington, Del. |
| WSTW | FM 93.7 | Wilmington, Del. |
| WSBA | AM 910 | York, Pa. |
| WARM | FM 103.3 | York, Pa. |
| WROZ | FM 101.3 | Lancaster, Pa. |
| WBAL-TV | Channel 11 | Baltimore |
| WMAR-TV | Channel 2 | Baltimore |
| WBFF-TV | Channel 45 | Baltimore |
| WJZ-TV | Channel 13 | Baltimore |



TRICARE inpatient costs increase slightly for FY 2010

U.S. DoD Military Health System

Every year the costs for TRICARE-covered inpatient services are reviewed and are subject to change.

For the coming fiscal year 2010, which runs from Oct. 1, to Sept. 30, 2010, the increase for some out-of-pocket costs paid by TRICARE Standard beneficiaries at civilian hospitals for inpatient care and inpatient behavioral health services is small.

For active duty Family members using TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra, the daily cost share for inpatient admissions at civilian hospitals has increased from \$15.65 to \$16.30 per day or \$25 per admission, whichever is greater. There is no charge for separately billed professional services.

The daily cost share for retirees, their **mil/costs**.

Families and other eligible beneficiaries using TRICARE Standard for inpatient admissions at civilian hospitals has increased from \$535 to \$645 per day or 25 percent of the total charge, whichever is less. Additionally, these beneficiaries pay 25 percent of the TRICARE-allowable charge for separately billed professional services.

The out-of-pocket costs for retirees, their Families and other eligible beneficiaries for inpatient behavioral health services at low-volume civilian hospitals has increased from \$193 to \$197 per day or 25 percent of the billed charge, whichever is less.

For additional information about copayments and cost-shares for TRI-CARE-covered services, visit the TRI-CARE Web site, http://www.tricare.mil/costs.

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-278-5327, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil or Peg Peterson, 410-278-5807, e-mail margaret.peterson1@us.army.mil, fax 410-278-9176.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Audrey Alba
April Avina
Vicki Bailey
Debra Bonsall
(daughter has
brain tumor)
Georgia Braun
Veronica Brown
Jason Burr
Randy Carroll
John Daigle

Meg Downey
Wayne Erb
Bennie Ford
John Furchert
Allan Gayhart
Holly Geppi
Erin Griffin
Kari Jackson
Angela Lambert
Colin McCloskey
Deborah Moore

Michael Naegele Marie D. Nowak Michele Reamey Anna Smelley Ron Spencer Linda Tignor Cherie Trees Luis Villafane Paul Wynne Victoria Yates-

Sparks

Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Dental Clinic holiday schedule

Aberdeen Area

- Dec. 21, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25, closed; ChristmasDec. 28, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 29, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, closed; New Year's Day Sickcall hours, 7 to 9 a.m.

For more information, call 410- 278-1795/1796

Edgewood Area

- Dec. 21, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24, closed; for emergencies, report to the AA Dental Clinic

- Dec. 25, closed; Christmas
- Dec. 28, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 29, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.Dec. 31, closed; for emergencies,
- report to the AA Dental Clinic

 Jan. 1, closed; New Year's Day
- Sickcall hours are 7 to 9 a.m. For more information, ca

For after hour emergencies, call the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

The AA and EA Dental Clinics will return to their regular schedule on Jan. 4.



KUSAHC Shots

H1N1 shots available today

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is hosting an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic 1 to 4 p.m., Dec. 17 at the Edgewood Area Clinic. All active duty, Department of Defense and contract employees are welcome.

Carpooling is strongly encouraged to prevent parking congestion.

For more information, call Ann Laughton, 410-278-1774.

Future H1N1 Vaccination Clinics will be announced as dates, times and locations are confirmed.

Please note: When off-site vaccination clinics are available, the KUSAHC Immunization Clinic will not offer the adult H1N1 vaccination.

KUSAHC closes for holidays

KUSAHC will close Dec. 24 for a training holiday and Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The clinic also will be closed on Dec. 31 for a training holiday and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. The clinic will reopen Jan. 4.

Patients should plan accordingly to pick up prescriptions prior to these dates.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, contact Staff Duty, 410-278-1725. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate patient's care with the Medical Officer of the Day.

To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, patient will need authorization and/or a referral to

go to any urgency clinic. Emergency rooms do not require a referral.

Chapel News

Commentary: Our little part

By CHAP (MAJ) FRED C. TOWNSEND APG Chapel Ministry

During the final months of World War II, the British conducted daily bombing raids over Berlin.

One night after a successful bombing raid, as the great bombers were heading for the safety of England, they were attacked by a group of German fighter planes. The crew of one bomber helplessly watched as a German fighter appeared seemingly out of nowhere and began letting loose of its deadly explosive bullets. The tracer rounds arched through the sky and found their target, slamming into their fuselage. Five rounds hit their gas tanks, and the crew braced themselves for the mighty explosion—but there was no explosion. Miraculously, they were able to make it back safely to their base.

A few hours later one of the mechanics showed up in the crew's barracks. He had found five bullets inside the fuel tanks, crumpled but not exploded. The pilot carefully opened the shells and to the crew's amazement found each one empty of gunpowder. Inside was a tiny wad of paper, which read, "We are Polish POWs-forced to make bullets in factory. When guards do not look, we do not fill with powder. Is not much, but is best we can do." The note was signed by four Polish prisoners of war doing their little part in a great and terrible war.

The crew of this British bomber will

never forget the small effort given by these four forgotten Polish POWs who gave their little part--a quiet yet effective gift.

Our little part at Aberdeen Proving Ground is comprised of some great works, indeed, but mostly of multitudes of tiny efforts that usually go unnoticed. Our little part has as its signature the efforts of our own hands and heart. Our little part is the product of our presence.

May APG be the better place because of these quiet yet effective gifts.

During this Advent season, let Christians everywhere remember God's little part.

On a silent night, a holy night, a wonderful gift was given, unnoticed by the world. Contained within a small, seemingly insignificant, baby child—the Savior was born--a quiet yet effective gift.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called: Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas worship services 🎎 Dec. 17 through Jan. 1 🎇

There will be a combined Christmas Eve Candelight Service, 7 p.m., Dec. 24, at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

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| Catholic Mass |
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| • Sun, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| • Thur, Dec. 24 Christmas caroling |
| • Thur, Dec. 24 Midnight mass midnight |
| • Fri, Dec. 25 Mass/pageant |
| • Sun, Dec. 27 Holy Family |
| • Thur, Dec. 31 Holy Day/obligation |
| • Fri, Jan. 1 Holy Day/obligation |
| Protestant worship |
| • Sun, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent |
| • Sun, Dec. 27 First Sunday in Christmas |
| Gospel worship |
| • Fri, Dec. 18 Dance/drama play |
| • Sun, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent noon |
| • Sun, Dec. 27 First Sunday in Christmas |
| • Thur, Dec. 31 Watch night service |
| Edgewood Area |

Catholic Mass

| • Sat, Dec. 19 Penance service | 4:30 p.m. |
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| • Sat, Dec. 19 Holiday dinner | 5:30 p.m. |
| • Sun, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent | - |
| • Fri, Dec. 25 Christmas Day | |
| • Sun, Dec. 27 Holy Family | |
| • Fri, Jan. 1 Holy Day/obligation | |
| Protestant worship | |
| • Sun, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent | 9:15 a.m. |

| • | Sun, Dec. 27 | First Sunday | in Christmas | 9:15 a.m. |
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AAFES NEWS

Holiday memories could net share of \$2,500 in AAFES shopping sprees

The holidays are a great time of year to enjoy special moments and create lasting memories with friends and

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is encouraging military shoppers to share those memories for a shot at a \$1,000 shopping spree in the "Memories Etched in Images Holiday Photo

For more information, visit http:// www.flickr.com/photos/aafespa/4109519015/sizes/l/.

"Whether it's the kids with Santa, a co-worker at the office party or grandpa dozing by the fire, we're looking forward to showcasing those heartwarming scenes from our shoppers,"

said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm.

Throughout the month of December shoppers can submit their funniest, most creative or heartwarming photos to PatriotFamily@aafes.com with the title "Memories Etched in Images" in the subject line.

The top 50 entries will be posted online and the winners will be announced by Jan. 22. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 AAFES gift card with \$500 going to the runnerup. Third and fourth place will receive a \$250 gift card with the next five places earning \$100 each.

Complete contest rules and entry details are available at http://www.aafes.com/Patriot Family/memories.asp.

AAFES seeking sizzling holiday creations for \$3,850 in shopping sprees

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Hershey's are joining culinary forces to determine which AAFES shoppers have the most talent in the kitchen. The Patriot Family Holiday Creations contest (visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/aafespa/4078277525/sizes/l/), which runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, will spotlight recipes and photos of cakes, cupcakes and cookies decorated in holiday style by military shoppers.

"Based on similar contests in the past, there is no doubt that AAFES shoppers will 'cook up' some very creative treats," said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm. "I'm excited to see which photos have the 'ingredients' for suc-

cess and, in addition to the shopping sprees, we'll use the winning shots and recipes in our 2010 Holiday Creations baking guide."

Aspiring chefs must submit an original photo of their holiday decorated baked goods with the recipe to patriotfamily@aafes.com. The entries will be judged on originality, creativity, ease of preparation and presentation. The grand prize winner will receive a \$2,000 AAFES shopping spree with runners-up shopping sprees of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and four for \$25.

Complete rules concerning the Holiday Creations contest are available online at the AAFES Patriot Family Connection at www.aafes.com. Final judging and winners of the contest are expected to be announced around Feb. 15, 2010.

Patriots

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color guard was also at the school, posting the colors as their young audience attentively watched every step.

"Today's assembly was fantastic," said Thomas Smith, Churchville principal. "It means so much to us that the 20th Support Command Soldiers are here today."

At Churchville, patriotism and loyalty to the homeland are taught at an early age.

"Our students are brought up to appreciate what our service members do every day," Smith said.

When the pledge of allegiance is recited every morning, students, faculty and staff stop what they are doing, place their hands over their hearts and honor the American flag.

Briggs, Smith and assistant principal Tara Dedeaux signed a proclamation at the ceremony to formalize their commitment to the Patriot Program. Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, commander of the 20th SUPCOM, will also sign the proclamation and present it to the school at a later date.

A select number of elementary schools in Harford County participate in the Patriot

"I am so proud of APG's



Photo by ROGERTEEL, CBRNE PUBLIC AFFAIRS Churchville Elementary students, clockwise from left to right, Christina McGonigal, Shelby Umbarger, Ben Ringers and Noah Lloyd participate in hands-on training on how to fold the American flag under the watchful eyes of 20th Support Command Soldiers, Spc. Scott Nicewonger, left, and Capt. Lee Starr.

outreach efforts in our local schools," said APG School Liaison Officer Eileen Campbell. "Our Garrison has made this one of our first priorities. CBRNE's demonstration of civic pride is a model of our best

practices in the schools."

Students are recognized at the end of the year for their accomplishments in the program.

and civilians will attend the school weekly to listen to fifth grade students present what they have been learning about

patriotism. The command also plans to participate in several future events at the school rewarding thing I've done all 20th SUPCOM Soldiers including Career Day. Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams will also visit the school and showcase their abilities at a later date.

"Talking to these students was the most worthwhile and month," said Capt. Lee Starr, personnel officer. "I look forward to working with these students and teaching them the meaning of patriotism."

Shopping

From page 4

- Return to the mall or store for assistance if you spot suspicious activity near your vehicle.
- Carry minimal cash and valuables, and wear minimal jewelry.
- Most important, keep vehicle doors and windows closed and locked when they are not in use.

Online shopping safety

- Check out the seller: If you have not used a particular online shopping site, do some independent research. Call their phone number to verify that you can reach them if issues come up with your purchase. If they don't have a phone number, you should take your business elsewhere. Also, search the Internet to see if anyone else has had a positive or negative experience with the shopping site.
 - Read return policies: Make sure the

online shopping site has policies that meet your needs and expectations. Some sites charge shipping and handling for returns, as well as a restocking fee. Sites with unclear or questionable policies should be avoided.

- Know what you're getting: Read the product description closely. If name brand items are sold at an extremely low price, they could be counterfeit or stolen. Remember the old adage: "If it's too good to be true, it probably is."
- Don't fall for a false e-mail or popup: Legitimate companies do not send unsolicited e-mail messages asking for your password, login name or financial information, but scammers do. Delete these e-mails without clicking on any links, since doing so could install spyware or other malicious programs on your computer.
- Look for signs a site is safe: When you are ready to buy something from a seller you trust, look for signs that the site uses a secure connection such as a closed padlock on the browser's sta-

tus bar before you enter your personal and financial information. When you are asked to provide payment information, the beginning of the Web site's URL address should change from http to shttp or https, indicating that the purchase is encrypted or secured.

- Secure your home computer: At a minimum, your computer should have antivirus and antispyware software and a firewall. Security software must be updated regularly to help protect against the latest threats. Set your security software and operating system to update automatically.
- Consider how you'll pay: Credit cards generally are a safe option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product is not delivered or is not what was ordered. Also, if your credit card number is stolen, you usually will not be liable for more than \$50 in charges. Do not send cash or use a money-wiring service because you will have no recourse if something goes wrong.

• Keep a paper trail: Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description and price, the online receipt, and copies of any e-mail you exchange with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there are no unauthorized charges.

If a member of the Army Family believes they have fallen victim to an online shopping scam, CID advises to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as possible. For crimes occurring on an Army installation, contact the local CID office. For crimes occurring elsewhere, contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center online at http://www.ic3.gov. IC3 is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center and serves as a clearinghouse for Internet crime complaints.

To learn more about online safety, visit the FTC's OnGuard Online site, http://onguardonline.gov.

Partners

"It's incumbent upon us to look in our own backyards... and to figure out who's out there serving our country and what kind of support they need. We need to make sure, as a community, that we're coming together around those Families," Michelle Obama said at Fort Bragg in March 2009.

Besides the connections initiated by CSCs, the AOS portal compiles credible and up-to-date information in

a single location for access at any time of day, regardless of component or physical location. It organizes articles, videos and resources in major categories, such as Family Programs and Services, Healthcare, Soldier and Family Housing, Child, Youth and School Services; education, careers and Libraries; Recreation, Travel and BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers); and Communities and Marketplace.

"The AOS portal is an important part of the picture and is a one-stop-shop for resources. The CSCs provide outreach to the community and, in turn, populate viable service information on the AOS portal. Soldiers

and Families can have local services at their fingertips and access information regardless of their component or where they reside," Conrad said.

To access local information and resources visit the AOS Community & Marketplace, click Community Support, then click on the map area.

"Visiting the new CSC pages on the AOS portal will provide a wealth of information, services and events in each local area. Looking for something in particular? Contact information can be found on the CSC content pages. Keep checking back to find out what's new in your area," Conrad said.

Ordnance

From front page

maintain a vast array of power generation and general purpose utility equipment. The bays are equipped with large plasma screens and video software for small group instruction.

Former Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee commanding general Lt. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, the Department of the Army G-4 deputy chief of staff, was the keynote speaker for the rededication of TSED as Rozier Hall. Stevenson said the new ordnance school will surely be a new powerhouse for technical training.

"This is where our newest Soldiers will undergo their technical training prior to joining their first unit and no matter what unit it is, these days it will likely be one that will soon deploy," he said. "Here, the next generation of ordnance Soldiers will learn how to repair

generators or troubleshoot a wiring harness or diagnose air conditioning systems. It is the best ordnance training school available anywhere in the world, one that we could only dream about when Major General Rozier and I were commandants."

During Stevenson's command at Fort Lee the population of Soldiers, Families, Civilians and students was approximately 20,000. When the Base Realignment and Closure construction is complete, the onpost population will double. Fort Lee will

then be the second largest training installation in terms of total student output in the U.S. Army. By 2011, \$700 million will have been invested in the Ordnance Campus and the population of ordnance students and permanent party personnel will be 4,000.

Stevenson said he was glad to see all the plans developed during BRAC in 2005 come alive in a magnificent way.

"It will be a great boost to all Army logisticians by having them all together as a part of our Sustainment Center of Excellence," Stevenson said.

DFMWR facilities holiday schedule (Dec. 18 - Jan. 4)

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Runners take off from in front of the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center at the start of the Rudolph Run Dec. 10, a Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation event held to bring in the holiday season in a fun way.

First Rudolph Run a big success with APG runners and walkers

YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

Cool temperatures and a blustery wind greeted the more than 200 runners and walkers who participated in the Rudolph Run/Walk at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Dec. 10.

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the event which likely will become an annual Aberdeen Proving Ground tradition, according to Ralph Cuomo of the FMWR Sports Office.

"Folks have shown a lot of enthusiasm," Cuomo said. "We want to thank Charm City Run, our corporate sponsor, for organizing the run. All we had to do is get the runners and walkers registered and they do the rest."

"This is a great turnout," added Maj. Matt Petraitis, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company Garrison, who helped organize the event.

He said they decided not to go with a 10K run which is more runner-oriented.

"The whole idea was to get people out for a community event to celebrate the holidays," Petraitis said. "We're hoping for a good turnout for the first Holiday Ball as well."

The ball will be held this Friday, Dec. 18, at Top of the Bay.

Runners and walkers, many who came out wearing festive reindeer horns on their heads, registered inside the Athletic Center where FMWR staff members and volunteers signed them up and issued race numbers and Rudolph Run T-shirts.

The two groups took off from in front of the Recreation Center about five minutes apart. Most participants said seemed undeterred by the cold weather and high winds.



Ralph Cuomo of the APG Sports Office briefs runners and walkers inside the gymnasium of the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center prior to the event.

Chris Akins

Inside the gym was a Community Recreation Division's Outdoor Recreation display featuring ski and camping equipment, a kayak and a Corn Hole toss game.

Program managers Terry Allen and Ted Dolzine answered questions about these and other equipment, accessories and ser-

vices available for rent through the center. "We have a full service ski program and with the ski season approaching, now

is the time to come in and get fitted and check out our other services,"

Allen said. The center, located in building 2407, is open Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday and holidays. For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789 or visit the Web site at http://www.apgmwr.com.

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| Luke Belford | 13:54 | Joseph Marino | 16:13 |
| Hector Pichardo | 13:54 | Tom Jones | 17:40 |
| Jeff Damiano | 15:16 | 2K Female Civilian | |
| Mark Ireland | 15:16 | Sabrina Roberson | 14:30 |
| Arthur Mathisen | 15:54 | Becky Anderson | 14:31 |
| Matt Petraitis | 15:54 | Jamie Turner | 16:09 |
| 5K Female | | Maggie Mallety | 18:10 |
| Danielle Kays | 18:10 | Laura Burton | 23:26 |
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| Lorrie Chieffo | 19:56 | AEC | |
| Elizabeth Boyer | 23:41 | Team of Four | |
| Julissn Torres | 26:07 | WIFI Chicks | |
| Jessica Guise | 26:49 | WIII CHICKS | |
| 2K Male | | | |



Jehan Martin, left, and Linwood Halsey of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, grab refreshments after their run. Their group of six, as well as many other participants, all wore reindeer hats to celebrate the Rudolph Run.



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Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, right, congratulates the event's top runners, Luke Belford, who finished with a time of 13 minutes, 54 seconds, left, and Jeff Damiano, who led the civilian men with a time of 15 minutes, 16 seconds.



Walkers make the first turn onto Raritan Avenue at the start of the 5K/2K Rudolph Walk near the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Dec. 10.



JPED defeats Freestate to win flag football championship

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**

The Joint Personal Effects Depot pummeled the cadets of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy to win the intramural flag football post championship 21-0 on Shine Sports Field Dec. 1.

The JPED entered the contest with only one loss throughout the regular and post season.

Freestate coach Kelvin Chandler said he was proud of his cadets, all of whom volunteered to represent the academy.

"There's a special bond between a coach and his players, and I appreciate each and every one of you coming out and playing," he said after the game. "You kept your composure, and you played an experienced team. We'll be back until we can win it all."

Coach Daniel Whyte of JPED said, "It was all about effort.

"Every game was a challenge and we lost only one game this season," he said, adding that the team is a mixture of Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and civilians, including several females. "Our people play every second on the clock. We put in the effort needed, stayed positive and most of all we had fun."

He praised the efforts of quarterback James Mawlin and middle linebacker Manu Cooper.

Mawlin, a civilian pre-processor completed his first year with the team, also playing receiver when needed. He called it a "hard working season and a good experience."

"We stuck together like a Family and



Joshua Phillips of the Joint Personal Effects Depot looks on as teammates and opponents pursue a Freestate ChalleNGe Academy cadet running away with the ball during the intramural flag football championship game at Shine Sports Field Dec. 1.

had no doubt about going all the way," Mawlin said. "We put too much work into it, and we'll be back next year."

Cooper, a personal effects specialist in his third year with the team captains the defense. He said this team "jelled better" than last year's team which lost in the championship game.

"We were three seconds from the championship last year," Cooper said. "This year we learned how to play together and not as individuals," Cooper said. "I loved this team," added Tamara

Alexander, a JPED line leader and one of the females on the team who played both offense and defense. "I learned a lot of techniques and a lot about teamwork," she said. "I'll definitely be back next year.'

"I've always loved football, said Lindsey Taylor, another female player and a JPED archive clerk. "We had an amaz-

ing season. I already knew a lot, and I learned even more."

Steve Mitchell, a wide receiver and JPED personal effects specialist, said he felt privileged to play on one of the few teams with female players.

"This [championship] was a long time coming," Mitchell said. "Every one of us came out with a goal, played together and stuck to it. It was just a beautiful

Former APG teens excel in HCC soccer

YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

The Harford Community College women's soccer team recently advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division-I National Tournament held in Tyler, Texas, Nov. 19 to 22 thanks in part to the efforts of two players with Aberdeen Proving Ground ties.

Sophomores Becca Bazemore, a C. Milton Wright High School graduate and Courtney Bush, a Harford Technical High School graduate, helped the Fighting Owls to their first tournament appearance since 2006.

Bazemore is the daughter of Douglas Bazemore, a civilian with the APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works. Her mother, Mary is an APG contractor. Bush's father, Michael Bush, also is an

APG contractor. Both players are in their second year on the team, which finished its regular

season with a 17-2-1 record. Bazemore came in on a scholarship and Bush was a walk-on.

They said were thrilled to be a part of the team's success.

'We were undefeated through the first ten games with only one loss in conference," Bazemore said. "We have a lot of individual talent on this team and great

team chemistry." "We're not just here for the exercise, we all have a desire to win," said Bush, adding that she, "grew up mostly on post playing Youth Sports."



Photo courtesy of BECCA BAZEMORE

Becca Bazemore practices on the Harford Community College soccer field at the start of the 2009 soccer season. Bazemore, the daughter of APG Garrison's Doug Bazemore, led the Fighting Owls to the National Junior College Athletic Association national championship tournament in Texas in November.

Bazemore said she lived off post but also was a member of the Youth Center.

Both said they still value growing up in a military environment and credit their experiences with helping to lead younger team members.

"It's a big transition [from high school]," Bazemore said. "Even without soccer, getting used to college can be overwhelming. We mentor them constantly to help with the adjustment."

"It makes you feel like a big sister, which, in a way you are," Bush added.

Both expressed confidence in their tournament appearance.

"I think our chances are good," Bazemore said. "We're going in the eighth seed but that's okay because other teams tend to underestimate us."

"I see us going in and coming out with a win," said Bush, "and if not we'll iust have to try harder next year."

The team advanced to the national tournament after defeating Cape Fear, 4-0 in the District H Championship on Nov. 7. The Owls were seeded No. 8 and played Lewis and Clark Community College from Illinois. They lost the game but finished fifth in the NJCAA Top 10 National Poll. The Lady Apaches of Tyler Community College won the championship, defeating Johnson County Community College from Kansas, 3-0 in the title game.

Lifting to the limit

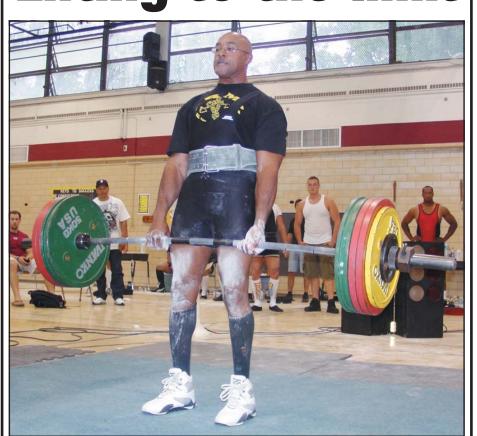


Photo courtesy of MICHAEL BENNETT

Michael Bennett a management analyst with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, successfully lifts 680 pounds on his way to winning the age 45 to 49 Masters category of the Amateur Athletic Union World Championship held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Nov. 28 and 29. Bennett competed in the push-pull which consists of only the deadlift and bench press and broke records with a 408-pound bench press and a 700-pound lift.

Youth Taekwondo team competes in New York state tournament

On Oct. 25, the Aberdeen Proving Ground SKIESUnlimited Taekwondo team, Team APG, traveled to New York to take part in the final M.A.S.M.A.1. tournament for 2009: the Ultimate Legacy karate tournament. Competitors from Florida to Boston competed in the tough competition. The team did extremely well. Stand out performances included Amanda Ayala, who took second place in the beginners' weapons division and Jael Rogne who was down 0-2 in her third place match before storming back to a 6-3 win. A new competition season begins in January with the first M.A.S.M.A.L. world championship to be held in Jamaica in December 2010.

Results

Amanda Ayala

2nd place beginners – weapons 4th place beginners -forms 5th place beginners fighting (girls)

Jael Rogne

3rd place beginners – forms 4th place beginners – weapons 3rd place beginners – fighting (girls)



Photo courtesy FMWR

Aberdeen Proving Ground SKIESUnlimited Taekwondo Team APG's Tatiana Williams, in camouflage uniform, throws a kick at her opponent during the final 2009 M.A.S.M.A.I. tournament held in New York Oct. 25.

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4th place beginners – forms 4th place beginners – fighting (girls)

Tatiana Williams

2nd place beginners fighting (girls)

Devin Williams 3rd place beginners fighting (boys)



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Work of APG teens highlighted during HIRED! awards ceremony

RACHEL PONDER APG News

The work and accomplishments of six Aberdeen Proving Ground teens in the HIRED! Program was recognized during an awards ceremony Dec. 8 at Top of the Bay.

The HIRED! Program, a 12-week apprenticeship program offered to the APG community this year, gives teens a chance to experience working in different career fields.

The teens who were honored at the awards ceremony were the first group of teens to have gone through the program at APG. The teens obtained more than 180 hours of real work experience at various placement sites on APG.

Recognized were Earl Hedgemon, Bowling Center; Jessica Callison, the Ordnance Museum; Reshad Kimble, Top of the Bay; Melinda Harden, Aberdeen Area Youth Center; Nia Bailey, junior Aberdeen High School; and Kirsten Newman, Child Development Center.

"All of the teens showed dedication and initiative while on the job," said Jay McKinney, APG HIRED! coordinator, after viewing a slide show which showcased the work of the teens during the program.

McKinney acknowledged that it can be difficult to learn how to balance school and work assignments. McKinney added that being in the program helped teens learn the value of time management.

All teens received a certificate of accomplishment from the HIRED!

McKinney also acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the on-site mentors who worked with the teens in the HIRED! Program.

Tina DeJesus, a wait staff supervisor who was Kimble's on-site mentor, said that she thought that the program provided valuable training.

"If you get teens interested and busy,

I think that it is wonderful," she said. "I am looking forward to being a mentor again."

Kimble, a junior at Edgewood High School, said that he felt like the program was beneficial.

"It was definitely a great learning experience," he said. "I worked on the weekends at Top of the Bay as a waiter during special events like weddings."

Kimble's father, Alfred Kimble, said that he feels that his son received valuable experience working while in the HIRED! Program.

"I think that it is an outstanding program not only for the work experience that the teens receive but also for the training that they receive prior to their job assignment like financial management classes," he said.

Newman said that the program provided her good work experience and confirmed that she would like to go to college to become a child development psychologist.

Newman's mother Karen added that she was glad that her daughter was able to gain experience.

She now has work experience to put on a resume," she said.

About HIRED!

The HIRED! Program offers a variety of job placements in FMWR facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG. To secure apprenticeships, candidates must achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a preassessment and interviews with facility managers. Depending on the skills and interest they are placed with an appropriate organization under the direct supervision of a designed on-site mentor who is responsible for tutoring their individual apprentices.

For more information about the HIRED! Program, contact McKinney 410-278-3250, who is now signing up teens for the next semester which begins in March.

Activities/Events

Holiday golf sale at Ruggles

Ruggles Golf Course has a holiday sale through Dec. 24. Sale items include 25 percent off all men's and ladies apparel (excludes shoes and previously marked down items). Save up to 40 percent on select group of clubs from Titleist, Cobra and Ping; 20 percent off all Golf Gloves; 10 percent off golf balls; and 20 percent off Etonic Shoes (in-stock only).

Harlem Globetrotters tickets

Tickets are available for The Harlem Globetrotters, 2 or 7 p.m., Dec. 26, at the 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$20 per person all seats are located in Section 114. For 84 years, the Harlem Globetrotters have thrilled audiences around the world. Today, a new generation of stars carries on this storied tradition with timeless basketball exhibitions.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail apgrusag-mwr-liesuretravel@conus.army.mil.

Volunteer today

Explore a new career, develop new skills, network with other professionals and create opportunities. Army Community Service has many opportunities and needs support for its various programs.

For more information, call Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

Holiday Gift Wrap Program underway

Gift wrapping will run through Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. See schedule in APG News Nov. 30 issue.

Leisure Travel Services available at EA Recreation Center

Limited services are available at Leisure Travel Services, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, at the EA Recreation Center, building E-4140.

For more information, visit or call 410-436-2713.

For full services, visit or call the APG Leisure Travel Office located in the AA Recreation Center, 410-278-4011 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

2009 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$16, but supplies are limited. The 2009 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of Grover Cleveland's 24th presidency, which was his second non-consecutive term. Cleveland was the only president elected for two nonconsecutive terms in U.S. history.

The ornament is also in honor of the first Christmas that used electric lights in 1894.

For more information or to purchase, call FMWR Leisure Travel Services, 410-278-4011/4907, visit AA Recreation Center, building 3326, or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus. army.mil.

CDC implements Army's Strong Beginnings for Pre-K children

The Aberdeen and the Edgewood Area Child Development Centers will be implementing the Army's Strong Beginnings Pre-K program for children who turned 4 before Sept. 1, 2009. The children enrolled in the centers will automatically participate in this program.

Strong Beginnings Pre-K is a program designed to prepare children to be successful to enter school. The curriculum focuses on the social, emotional and physical development of children. It is a basic academic program to enhance school readiness. Children will partici-

pate in a variety of activities to include

the Smart Start Sport program. There will

be SKIES JR classes offered as well. If there is interest, a part-day program will be offered to children from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Center. The centers look forward to an excit-

ing school year for the children. For more information, call Ruth Strauss, Aberdeen Area CDC director, 410-278-7111.

FMWR daily bus trips to Atlantic

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. FMWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip is \$45 per person with \$25 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m.

For more information, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail apgr-usagmwr-liesuretravel@conus.army.mil.

Walt Disney World Salutes the Military

Walt Disney World is offering active duty military and retirees a free complimentary five-day park hopper and water park ticket and up to five-day companion tickets for just \$99 each, or an upgrade to a hopper for \$124 each.

Tickets cost \$25 extra for each addon/upgrade applied. Tickets must be purchased three weeks in advance. Tickets are not valid until activated at the theme park ticket window. Valid military ID is required at time of purchase and activation. All sales are final. No refunds, exchanges or upgrades after purchase.

Ticket prices expire Dec. 23.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

Hearts Apart Support Group meets

Hearts Apart Support Group is one way to stay connected in the community and learn what Army Community Service has to offer the Family. Family members from all branches of service, Department of Defense civilians and contractors may participate in Hearts Apart Support Group meetings held in the APG Army Community Service building 2754, Rodman Road 6 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

For more information, call or visit building 2754, Rodman Road, 410-278 7478 or DSN 298-7478.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at http://acpol.army. mil/employment/naf.htm or check out AAFES Jobs link http://odin.aafes. com/employment/ for additional job opportunities.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 12 (no class on

Jan. 15) and Feb. 23 through April 2. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Tae Kwon Do

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning.

Classes will be held at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522, Monday and Wednesday; Jan. 4 through Feb. 1 and Feb. 3 through March 3, 6 to 7 p.m. (ages 6 to 14). Cost is \$65 per student for a one-month session or \$150 per student for a three-month session.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants.

Class size is limited so register early.

Basic arts and crafts class

Basic Arts and Crafts will be taught Jan. 14 through March 4 on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 thru 10; and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 11 thru 15, at

the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Children will learn about the art of other cultures and famous artists. They will explore art techniques, processes and mediums through a variety of activities, including painting, drawing, printmaking and paper mache.

Cost is \$100 per student for 10 weeks.

Driver's Ed classes begin January

Driver's Education classes will be held Jan. 4 thru 20. No class Jan. 18. Classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. and 6 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$315 per student.

All Drivers Education classes will be conducted by Rules Driving School, located at Boothe Brothers International Building, 16 North Philadelphia Boulevard, door #2, Downstairs Suite N, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours behind-thewheel instruction.

The last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Parents must attend the first day of class. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

Prices subject to change without notice. Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child, Youth and School Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 19, at the Aberdeen Area Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objective is to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting

Class is open to all DoD ID card

December bowling specials

Adult Lunch Leagues bowl Tuesday and Thursday during the day. No open bowling until 1 p.m. Evening leagues are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

There will be no open bowling on Thursdays after 5 p.m. and no open bowling on Friday until after 9:30 p.m. On Wednesday a few lanes will be issued on a first-come, first-served

Leagues are still forming

Saturday youth leagues are accepting members ages 18 months to 20 years for their youth league. Youths ages 18 months to 11 starts at 9 a.m. and ages 12 thru 20 starts at 10:45 a.m.

Bowling specials

• Bowl for \$.75 per game Monday

through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

• Each Friday, 9:30 till close, bowl for \$12 per hour. Cost of shoe rental is

The Bowling Center will hold a special bowling promotion Dec. 18 through Jan. 3. Soldiers and their Families can bowl two free games with free shoe rentals per day. The Soldier and or Family member must present an ID that verifies they are a Soldier or Family member. (No limit to the size of Family.)

This is based on available lanes and

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials **Building 2342**

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Week of Dec. 14 Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie

and regular soda for \$9.95. Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato

chips, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

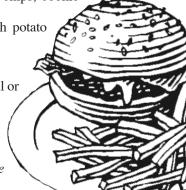
Week of Dec. 21

Buy one meal and get the second one (of equal or lesser value) one-half price.

The Bowling Center will be closed Dec. 24,

25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Community Notes

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 17 SAME CHESAPEAKE POST **MONTHLY MEETING**

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Top of the Bay. The featured speaker is Col. Andrew Nelson, Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation, APG. MD. Nelson will present "Update on BRAC activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md." Space is limited and reservations are required.

RSVP by Dec. 16 online at www.samechesapeake.org/.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 18 H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Harford County Health Department will hold a free H1N1 influenza vaccination clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for the general public at the Harford County Health Department, located at 1321 Woodbridge Station Way in Edgewood. Persons with appointments are instructed not to arrive more than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment time.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-877-1050.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts at 1 p.m.; the second game starts at 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, firstserved. There will be side tables. Sandwiches and light fare will be available. For more information, call 410-642-

NATURAL ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Create unique ornaments using found natural materials while enjoying hot cocoa, cookies and seasonal music. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for all ages; under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

LEGACY OF LOVE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Bread of Life Church located on 14 Aberdeen Shopping Plaza will present "Legacy of Love," a Christmas musical, 6 p.m.

For more information, call 410-273-1660 or www.breadoflifeministries.

SANTA'S HELPERS

Come to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center for a fun evening of gift making, a hike and a movie with snacks, while mom and dad have an evening out to prepare for the holiday season. This program will be held 6 to 11 p.m. for ages 5 to 12. The cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 20 A NIGHT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Church, 422 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, will present "A Night UnderThe Christmas Tree" at the 11 a.m. worship service. A fellowship dinner will follow the presentation. All are welcome. For more information, 410-676-5838.

THE VERNON SEWELL **ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble and Friends of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, will host a Christmas Cantata at 4 p.m. The program will feature will feature choir members from local churches.

For more information, call 410-939-

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a Children's Christmas Party, 1 p.m. The event will include pictures with Santa, presents and refresh-

For more information, call 410-642-

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 26 GIFT WRAP PAPER CAPERS AND OPEN HOUSE

What to do with all those holiday gift wrappings? Drop by the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center to show off the critters to out of town guests and while here, create crafts using holiday paper.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 28 A NIGHT UNDERTHE **CHRISTMAS TREE**

The youths of the Edgewood Baptist The Edgewood Baptist Church, 422

Edgewood Road, will present "A Night Under the Christmas Tree," 11 a.m., during its morning worship service. A fellowship dinner will follow the presentation. All are welcome.

For more information, call 410-676-5838.

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 31 ANNUAL "NOON" YEAR"S EVE CELEBRATION

The Bel Air Athletic Club, located on 658 Boulton Street, Bel Air, will host the 4th Annual "Noon" Year's Eve Celebration, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The count down to noon Family celebration is presented by County Parents Maga-

Activities include a magic show, BAA-

Cyard Treehouse and crafts will be offered to guests under 12 years of age. Refreshments, a DJ, and special activities will make this a fun way for parents and kids to celebrate the New Year together and not be up too late. "Snowballs" will be dropped from the ceiling at noon. Participants include Caricatures by Rick Wright and Company, Magic and Illusion Show by David Breth, face painting and tattoos by Lucky, Wacky Scientist Extreme Jean, Growing Smiles, Point Breeze Credit Union, St. James Academy, Bel Air Bakery, Open Door Cafe, professional DJ Frank Spears, BAACStage Dance Company and more.

Cost is \$5 per person, children under 2 are free. Advance registration and payment is required.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-838-2670 or visit http:// www.countyparents.com.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army. **mil** under Community Notes.)

Post Shorts

Officer will coordinate patients' care with the Medical Officer of the Day.

To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, patient will need authorization and/ or a referral to go to any urgency clinic. Emergency rooms do not require a referral.

Blood drive for the troops today

Support the troops by donating blood. The Armed Services Blood Program blood drive will be held noon to 4 p.m.. Dec. 17, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The blood drive is open to everyone.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 301-295-2109 or visit

Virtual Job Fair through Dec. 20

The Susquehanna Workforce Network is sponsoring the first Virtual Job Fair in the region through Dec. 20. This virtual event is specifically targeted for organizations seeking to recruit future employees to fill acquisition, engineering and technology positions.

The Virtual Fair has the capacity to meet the increased volume of hiring demands of local businesses by attracting a local, regional and national pool of skilled employees through the internet. Instantaneous job applications and job specific profiles will be processed through a designated Web site, 24 hours a day for 11 days.

For more information, contact the Susquehanna Workforce Network, 410-939-4240 or visit http://www.swnet-

APG Railroad Club open for visitors tonight

The Edgewood Model Railroad Club, building E-5173 on Webster Road in the Edgewood Area will be open for visitors, 7 to 10 p.m., Dec. 17. The HO scale

Effective Dec, 17, Aberdeen Prov-

ing Ground housing residents should contact their Neighborhood Office for

work orders, move-out inspections

and neighborhood issues. All homes at APG will be served by this Neighborhood Office.

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Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

model railroad display simulates railroad operations as they occurred in the 1960s with a variety of freight and passenger trains connecting eastern U.S. cities.

Visitors should use the Edgewood Road or Magnolia Road gate to enter the Edgewood Area. Building E-5173 is located between Black Hawk and Webster roads. A RR crossing symbol on the white door marks the entrance.

For more information, call David Renard, 410-838-5331 or e-mail david. renard@verizon.net.

CBRN equipment handbook

The 2009 edition of the Army Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Equipment Handbook has been approved for public release with unlimited distribution by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. The handbook is a compilation of CBRN Equipment items available to the Army community and provides information about current CBRN items. Last published in 2001, the CBRN Handbook is intended to be a reference only.

The CBRN Handbook is divided into eight main commodity areas that encompass the CBRN sector. They include Biological Defense, Collective Protection, Contamination Avoidance, Decontamination, Guardian, Individual Protection, Information Systems and Medical products. The list of items is not represented to be complete or inclusive.

It is available in .pdf format for print or online viewing at https://ibwebportal.ria.army.mil/viewfile.cfm?did=6.

Free basketball tickets for military

Camouflage Kids, Inc. offers free tickets to see Layfayette College vs. Navy, 7 p.m., Jan. 16, at Alumni Hall Arena, Annapolis, Md. There are a limited num-

Picerne Military Housing

Neighborhood Office Information

ber of free tickets for adults and children. Tickets are provided on a first-come firstserved basis. All Families from the U.S. Naval Academy and all military branches from the Maryland, Virginia and D.C. area are eligible for tickets.

It is requested that each Family limit their ticket request to a maximum of six tickets with a ratio of two adults and four children. All children must have adult supervision at the game. Tickets are for immediate Family members only. All Families should arrive one and one-half hours prior to game time so that the program can get organized for the event.

For more information, call Beth Stoddard, 410-576-2994, e-mail theresa.stoddard@us.army.mil or visit www. camokids.org/games.cfm.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Jan. 20, March 17, May 19, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Feb. 17, April 21, June 16, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or email Michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Mailing holiday military mail overseas

For instructions and dates to send mail overseas, visit www.apgnews.apg. army.mil, Oct. 29 issue, page 8.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under

Registration open for UMUC Spring 2010

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University College Spring Semester.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, UMUC will offer HIST 364 Emergence of Modern America: 1900 to 1945 (3) on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 26 through

Online Hybrid Class, WRTG 394 Advanced Business Writing (3), on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 27 through May 5.

Additional classes are available through distance education formats. For more information or to register, call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048 or visit the APG office of UMUC in building 4305 or visit www.umuc.edu.

Harford County Public Schools winter concert schedule

The following is a listing of planned holiday concerts in local schools.

Elementary schools **Abingdon Elementary**

Dec. 23 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra 9:15 a.m.

Deerfield Elementary

Dec. 17 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra,

10 a.m. and 7 p.m. **Dublin Elementary**

Dec. 17 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra,

10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Forest Lakes Elementary Dec. 17 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra,

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. G.D. Lisby @ Hillsdale

Dec. 22 - 4th & 5th grade Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

William S. James

Dec. 18 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 4th grade 6:30 p.m.; 5th grade 7:45 p.m. Youth's Benefit

Dec. 17 - 4th and 5th grade chorus,

7 p.m. Middle schools

Aberdeen Middle School Dec. 17 - 6th, 7th, 8th grade chorus,

brass choir, 7 p.m.

Edgewood Middle School Dec. 22 - 7th grade band, chorus, orchestra, 8:30 a.m.

6th grade band, chorus, orchestra, 10 a.m.

8th grade band, chorus, orchestra, noon Havre de Grace Middle School

North Harford Middle School

Dec. 17 - 8th grade assembly, 8 a.m. 6th grade assembly, 9:30 a.m. 7th grade assembly, 12:30 p.m.

Southampton Middle School Dec. 17 - 6th, 7th, 8th grade bands

Dec. 17 - Chorus, 7 p.m.

at C. Milton Wright, 7 p.m.

High schools

Fallston High School Dec. 17 - Choruses, 7 p.m.

Harford Technical High School Dec. 17 - Band and Chorus, 7 p.m.

Joppatowne High School Dec. 17 - Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 7 p.m.

Patterson Mill Middle/High School Dec. 17 - 8th grade band, chorus,

orchestra, 7 p.m. **Bel Air High School**

Dec. 18 - Jazz Band, 7 p.m. Patterson Mill Middle/High School

Dec. 21 - Symphonic & Jazz bands, percussion, orchestra, 7 p.m.

Patterson Mill Middle/High School Dec. 22 - High School Choruses, 7 p.m.

Phone: 410-672-4340 Fax: 410-305-1077 E-mail: aberdeenneighborhoodof-



fice@picernemh.com

Web site: www.aberdeenpicerne.com Picerne Military Housing is Family owned and operated and has been building and managing residential communities for 85 years.

The company has also partnered with Forts Meade, Bragg, Polk, Rucker and Riley and just recently, APG, under the RCI program.

Aberdeen Area youths decorate CHRA's headquarters for the holidays

Story and photos by

RACHEL PONDER

Children and teens from the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center and the Youth Center decorated the training lobby of the Civilian Human Resources agency, building 3330, in celebration of the holidays.

The children who attend the CDC created snowmen out of clay to display in the lobby, as well as finger paintings, hand-print ornaments and paper garland. The Youth Center children made a holiday mural that covers a wall in the lobby. They accomplished this in four days by working in teams after school.

The mural has a multicultural theme that shows the diverse ways that people celebrate the holidays. Christmas, Kwanza and Chanukah are represented.

"The mural is for our community, and it shows that people celebrate the holidays in different ways," said Angie Chronister, middle school-teen program lead.

The children also wrote letters to Santa which they hung above a construction paper fireplace, and made large construction paper snowmen.

"I think that the mural is cool; it shows other people's religions and cultures," said Keonna Kenion, 13. "I hope that when people see it they are happy and have a cheerful day."

Jasmine Holder, 14, added that she enjoyed that the Youth Center worked together as a team to create the mural.

"It was one of my favorite activities all year because we all



Photo courtesy of the ABERDEEN AREA YOUTH CENTER

Breanna Campbell, 9, and Alex Williams, 10, from the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, prepare to put holiday decorations on the wall in the training lobby of the Civilian Human Resources agency, building 3330. Children from the Child Development Center also made decorations for the lobby.

worked together," she said.

Cheryl Miller, administrative support assistant and a member of the CHRA Holiday Party Planning Committee, said that CHRA's director, Barbara Panther, wanted a holiday display in the lobby with a multicultural theme. Miller, whose daughter attended both the CDC and the Youth Center, thought it would be a good idea to get the Aberdeen Proving Ground

youth involved in a project that would be for the whole community, and one which celebrates diversity.

"People from all over the world come to CHRA's head-quarters to receive training," she said. "We have received great feedback from the people that come into the lobby. They really enjoy the display. The two centers really came through and the decorations look great," she said.



The childrens' multicultural-themed tree celebrates Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah.



Aberdeen Area Youth Center childrens' letters to Santa Claus hang above a construction paper fire place.



The children use patriotic snowmen to decorate the wall.

AA Youth Center makes gingerbread houses for charity





Photos courtesy of ABERDEEN AREA YOUTH CENTER

Children who attend the Aberdeen Area Youth Center gave back to the community by decorating two gingerbread houses that were sold to benefit the Chesapeake Cancer Alliance during the annual Festival of the Trees held at the Bel Air Reckord Armory the weekend of Nov. 27. Ribbons were awarded for Star of the Show, Most Creative and Best Theme. The gingerbread house above left donated by the Youth Center received Most Creative in the 6- to 8-year-old category. The gingerbread house on the right received an Honorable Mention for the Most Creative house in the 8- to 10-year-old category.